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## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Final Office action of June 11, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.